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Bentfield Primary School

Issue 4

Friday 21st June

Messages from Mr Rogers

Incredibly, we find ourselves nearing the end of the academic year. At this time, I would usually be reporting about how the children are enjoying the sunshine and issuing reminders about sun cream and sun hats. Alas, this appears not to be the case. We can only hope that the weather picks up before we finish the term. Fortunately, it has not stopped our Father's Day lunches from going ahead, and we have had almost 100 sittings.

Regardless of the poor weather, it has not stopped there from being lots of ongoing learning opportunities and achievements. A couple of weeks ago, Year 4 came to school dressed up in a variety of outfits, which linked to their history theme of 'Britain since the 1950's'. The pupils looked fantastic (see picture) and spent the day immersed in a variety of cultural elements from each of the decades. This included listening to and watching music videos on our fantastic new projector and screen in the main hall, which we recently had installed.



Before half term, Year 1 hosted their tea party, based on the story of The Tiger Who Came to Tea. The children wrote invitations to their parents and it was lovely to see such good attendance. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed having everyone visit and it gave them a great opportunity to play their animal top trump games that they had created.



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I would like to thank the PTA for organising our 'Dare to be Different day' before half term, and our Mini May Fayre after school last week. I would also like to say thank you to all the families that stayed after school to support the event.

musicinthe park

We now turn our attention to the upcoming Music in the Park event on the 6th July (1.30pm to 8.00pm). For more information, including how to buy tickets, or how to offer to help, please see the newly created MITP page on our school website:

<https://www.bentfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/music-in-the-park/>

Finally, I bring you the news that a long-standing staff member retired at the end of the half term. Sue Pollard has worked at our school for over thirty years and, in that time, has taken on a multitude of different roles, from school cook, learning support assistant, midday assistant, ICT technician, Kids Club leader, swimming leader, and a key member of the PTA. Her commitment to Bentfield is unparalleled and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything that she has done for our school throughout the years. We all hope you enjoy your retirement.

Thank
you!



Please park considerately
Please do not park on the pavement, double park, block the local bus routes or our neighbours driveways.
Please do not drop off at the the school gate or park on the restricted areas.
It is also not possible to use the school car park.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket

Earlier in the term, we took two teams to take part in the year 3/4 rapid fire cricket competition at Howe Green School. Both teams competed well, and showed some excellent teamwork and individual skill during the morning. Results didn't quite go our way with our teams finishing 6th and 7th in their respective groups. Despite this, the children put in great effort and represented the school very well.

Year 5/6 Tennis Tournaments

On the final day of the half term, four tennis teams made up of year 5 and 6 pupils made their way to Forest Hall School for the Stansted tennis tournament. Four teams from three other schools were there to compete and after the group games, the Bentfield teams, clearly benefiting from Pam's Thursday morning practices, finished first and second in both groups, meaning as a school 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places had already been secured! The only question was which team would finish where. After a lot of very close and competitive games, the red team finished 1st, yellow team 2nd, green team 3rd and blue team 4th, with the red and yellow teams qualifying for the Uttlesford finals. An amazing achievement and well done to everyone involved!



Hot off the press, this news can also be followed up with the report from the finals which, took place last week. After further incredible performances, we are delighted to announce that one of our

teams achieved 3rd place and secured the bronze medals, and our other team won the tournament outright, becoming champions of Uttlesford!

They have their gold medals, but will also soon be presented with the winning trophy, which is in the process of being collected from another school!



Year 5/6 Cricket Tournaments

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 cricket teams, who have also performed amazingly well. At the local school's tournament in Manuden last week, the boys' team were unbeaten in their games and won the gold medals.



This follows on from the success of our girls' team who also went unbeaten in their tournament the week before and secured the gold medals as well! This took both teams through to the Uttlesford finals at Saffron Walden Cricket Club earlier this week, where the girls team achieved 5th Place and the boys team achieved 3rd Place. A tremendous achievement all round



Quad Kids Athletics

On Wednesday 12th June, we took 16 children to take part in the Uttlesford Quad Kids athletics tournament. In the competition, every child competes in a sprint, middle distance, howler throw and standing long jump, scoring points for times and distances, with the whole team points being added up for the final team score. We took one team for year 3/4 and one from year 5/6 (4 boys and 4 girls in each team). Everyone gave their all in all of the events and should be very proud of their achievements, especially competing against much bigger schools. Our year 5/6 team managed to finish 5th out of 10 teams!

Dates For your Diary

JUNE

Wednesday 26th	Oak Class to visit Nuclear Races
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JULY

Wednesday 3rd	Orienteering Festival
Friday 5th	Nursery & Reception Sports Morning
Saturday 6th	Music in the Park
Monday 8th	Chestnut & Willow Class visit to Colchester Castle
Tuesday 9th	Maple & Oak Class Production
Wednesday 10th	Birch Class visit to St John's Church
Friday 12th	Years 1-6 Sports Day
Friday 12th	Oak Class Leavers Prom
Wednesday 17th	Oak Class Leavers Assembly
Thursday 18th	Summer Disco
Friday 19th	Last day of Summer Term 1.30pm Finish

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd	Non Pupil Days
Wednesday 4th	First Day of the Autumn Term

Class Emails for Bentfield

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Pine Class - Year 1	pine@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Maple Class - Year 5	maple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Birch Class - Year 2	birch@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Oak Class - Year 6	oak@bentfield.essex.sch.uk